The composite masonry block of claim ** wherein the converging portions of the side faces extend from the respective opposed diverging portions of the front face to the rear face.

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the amendment and new claims as detailed above. Support for these claims may be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT, GOULD, SMITH, EDELL, WELTER & SCHMIDT, P.A. 3100 Norwest Center 90 South 7th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 (612) 371-5265

Dated <u>Movember 12, 1997</u>

By:

John V. Gresens

JJŒ:iad